— Distribution of Broad Guidelines for Action Plans-Calendar of activities for Prevention and Control of Dengue to the States.

(d) to (e) The Dengue situation in the country is constantly reviewed/monitored by the Govt, of India in association with State Govts., Experts & Scientists on the basis of which appropriate measures for Prevention & Control of this disease are undertaken.

**Statement**

*Number of Dengue cases and Death State-wise during 1996, 1997*

| State | 1996 | | 1997 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cases | Deaths | Cases | Deaths |
| Delhi | 10252 | 423 | 273 | 01 |
| Haryana | 1631 | 54 | 54 | 0 |
| Punjab | 806 | 32 | 23 | 3 |
| Karnataka | 123 | 05 | 262 | 04 |
| Maharashtra | 3068 | 05 | 249 | 05 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 146 | 10 | 29 | 01 |
| Tamil Nadu | 491 | 16 | 264 | 21 |
| Gujarat | 14 | 0 | 05 | 0 |
| Rajasthan | | | 18 | 01 |
| Total | 16531 | 545 | 1177 | 36 |

**Sale of spurious bottled water**

2022. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are innumerable complaints of spurious botlled water or mineral water marketed under the trade names of reputed manufacturers;

(b) if so, whether the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act has become ineffective in case of bottled water;

(c) whether Government propose to take stringent action against the manufacturers of spurious bottled water; and

(d) whether the biggest market for spurious bottled water are the railway commuters?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) The State of Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Jammu, Karnataka, Kerala, Meghalaya, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Lakhsadweep, Daman, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar and NCT of Delhi have intimated that they have not come across any specific complaint of spurious bottled water under the trade names of reputed manufacturers. The standards of mineral water have been laid down under Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Rules. The Food (Health) Authorities of States/UTs have been requested to intensify the vigil to check the quality of mineral water available in the market.

(b) and (c) At present the definition of food as outlined under the provision of PFA Act, 1954, does not include bottled water.

(d) Railways obtain Mineral Water supplies from the approved firms as per specifications laid down under the PFA Act and Rules. The supplies are Short-listed by a committee of senior administrative Officers on Zonal Railways.

**Exemption certificates for import of medical equipment**

2023. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FANMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large scale corruption in the issue of exemption certificates for import of costly medical equipment worth crores of rupees free of any customs duties was detected by Chandramouli Committee;

(b) if so, the details regarding the magnitude of duty evasion detected and names of persons and Hospital/Medical Institutes involved in the scam;

(c) the details regarding important observations made by the Committee against the higher ups involved; and

(d) the details of follow-up action taken/proposed against the persons involved and policy changes proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) to (d) Taking cognizance of Public Interest Petition in the High Court, Delhi alleging irregularities in the issue of Custom Duty Exemption Certificates to private hospitals/ diagonostic centres for import of medical equipments, Shri K. Chandramouli, Former Joint Secretary and Chief Vigilance Officer of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare was appointed to investigate the case of certain hospitals/institutions. After investigation, Shri Chandramouli submitted his report directly to the High Court, Delhi on the basis of which departmental action was initiated where called for. The progress is being reported to the High Court of Delhi. Cases of other hospitals where Custom Duty Exemption Certificates' were issued under Notification No. 64/88 dated 1.3.88 are also under scrutiny/investigation by Committees appointed by the High Court and the Ministry. The process for grant of Custom Duty Exemption Certificate or withdrawal of the same where called for has been streamlined. The said Government Notification has since been rescinded with effect from 1.3.94.

**बिहार के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में स्वास्थ्य उप-केन्द्रों का कार्यकरण**

2024. **श्री जनार्दन यादव** : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1995.96 तथा 1996-97 के दौरान बिहार के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में कितनें स्वास्थ्य उप-केन्द्र खोले गए थे;

(ख) क्या यह सच हैं कि उन स्वास्थ्य उप-केन्द्रो में न तो डाक्टर और न ही नर्से और दवाएं उपलब्ध हैं जिसके कारण बीमार व्यक्तियों की असमय मृत्यु हो जाती हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस कुप्रबंध को कब तक दूर कर दिया जाएगा?

**पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री (श्री सुरेश प्रभु) :** (क) केन्द्रीय सरकार के पास उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार 1995-96 और 1996-97 के दौरान बिहार राज्य में कोई नया उपकेन्द्र नहीं खोला गया।

(ख) और (ग) एक उपकेन्द्र निवारक परिचर्या प्रदान करना हैं, एक उपकेन्द्र के लिए कर्मचारी संबंधी मानकों के अनुसार, केवल एक स्वास्थ्य कार्यकर्त्ता (पुरूष) तथा एक स्वास्थ्य कार्यकर्ता (महिला)/सहायक नर्स मिवाइफ उपलब्ध कराए जाते हैं,केन्द्रीय सरकार अनुमोदित औषधो की खरीद के लिए 2000 रूपए प्रतिवर्ष, प्रति उपकेन्द्र प्रदान करती है जिसकी खरीद संबंधित राज्य सरकारों द्वारा की जाती हैं। सहायक नर्स मिडवाइफ के बहुत से पद इस समय बिहार में खाली पड़े हैं। राज्य सरकार को राज्य में प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य परिचर्या में आधारभूत ढांचागत कमियों को पूरा करने के लिए इन पदों को भरने हेतु नियमित अंतरालों पर सलाह दी जा रही हैं।

**Deaths due to rabies**

2025. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 25,000 people die every year from rabies all over the country;

(b) the number of deaths on account of rabies during each of the last three years;

(c) whether lack of anti-rabies antidotes are the prime cause of these deaths;

(d) whether Government have any pro gramme to control the rabies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to the figures made available by Central Bureau of Health Intellegience, the number of deaths on account of rabies in the State/UT during each of the last three years i.e. from 1995 to 1997 are as following:

| Year | Deaths |
|---|---|
| 1995 | 632 |
| 1996 | 281 |
| 1997 | 386 (Provisional)' |

(c) Shortage of anti-rabies vaccine has not been reported by any State/Union Territory.

(d) and (e) During the Sixth Plan period a